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The Honorable Frederick J. Lawton  
The Director  
Bureau of the Budget  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lawton:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 14 November 1951 requesting review and report to you of actions which may usefully be taken under the Reorganization Act of 1949 to improve the organization and administration of Government.

This Agency is not currently faced with problems of organization and coordination which require action either by legislation or by the President under the Reorganization Act. The basic authorities vested in the National Security Council and the Director of Central Intelligence have so far been sufficient in those areas.

Thank you for affording me this opportunity.

Sincerely,

WALTER B. SMITH

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My dear General Smith:

The President is considering the submission to the next session of Congress of a further program for improving the organization and management of the executive branch. As many new problems have arisen since the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch completed its studies, the departments and agencies are being requested to submit additional proposals for consideration in formulating the reorganization program for 1952.

The Reorganization Act of 1949 makes possible several different types of actions, including:

- a. Transfer of activities or units between agencies;
- b. Consolidation of agencies and functions;
- c. Provision for improved coordination of activities and agencies;
- d. Authorization of officers to delegate functions either within their agencies or to other agencies;
- e. Abolition of obsolete or unnecessary activities and organizational units established by law;
- f. Revision of internal organization prescribed by statute.

In order that a report may be prepared for the President, I am asking you to initiate a careful review of the organization and activities of your agency to determine what actions may usefully be taken under the Reorganization Act to improve the organization and administration of the Government. In addition to major organizational problems, such a review should disclose many lesser, yet useful, adjustments which could be effected

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more conveniently and expeditiously by the reorganization plan procedure than by legislation. Such adjustments should also be included in submitting proposals.

Please report to me not later than November 30 the reorganization proposals you deem desirable so that work can begin promptly on the development of such reorganization plans as may be needed.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) F. J. LAWTON  
Director

General Walter B. Smith  
Director, Central Intelligence  
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